What is claimed is:

1. A method implemented by a programmed computer system for use in connection with the sale of stock by a first entity, which method comprises the steps of:

inputting data regarding the sale, by the first entity to a second entity, of a security consisting of: (i) a post-paid forward contract which obligates the second entity to purchase a fixed number of shares stock of the first entity; and (ii) debt;

inputting data regarding the purchase, by the first entity from the second entity, of a pre-paid forward contract which obligates the second entity to deliver to the first entity a variable number of shares of stock in the first entity;

inputting a then-current stock price associated with the stock of the first entity;

calculating a number of shares underlying the pre-paid forward contract, based on a formula that is a function of a then-current stock price and a remaining maturity associated with the pre-paid forward contract;

recording the data regarding the sale, by the first entity to the second entity, of the security consisting of: (i) the post-paid forward contract; and (ii) the debt;

recording the data regarding the purchase, by the first entity from the second entity, of the pre-paid forward contract; and

recording the calculated number of shares underlying the pre-paid forward contract;

wherein the pre-paid forward contract comprises a call option.

2. A security, comprising:

(a) a post-paid forward contract between a first entity and a second entity, which post-paid forward contract obligates the second entity to purchase a fixed number of shares stock of the first entity;

(b) debt of the first entity; and

(c) a pre-paid forward contract between the first entity and the second entity, which pre-paid forward contract obligates the second entity to deliver to the first entity a variable number of shares of stock in the first entity;

wherein the pre-paid forward contract comprises a call option.

3. The security of claim 2, wherein the stock of the first entity is common stock in a public company.

4. The security of claim 2, wherein the post-paid forward contract obligates the first entity to sell and the second entity to purchase, at maturity of the post-paid forward contract, a fixed number of shares of stock in the first entity for a fixed price.

5. The security of claim 4, wherein the fixed price essentially equals a face amount of the debt.

6. The security of claim 2, wherein the first entity pays, to the second entity, a contract fee on the post-paid forward contract.

7. The security of claim 6, wherein the contract fee is paid once.

8. The security of claim 6, wherein the contract fee is paid periodically at a time selected from the group including: (a) daily; (b) weekly; (c) monthly; (d) quarterly; (e) semi-annually; and (f) annually.

9. The security of claim 2, wherein the debt is initially pledged as collateral to secure the obligations of the second entity under the post-paid forward contract.

10. The security of claim 9, wherein the second entity has the right to recollateralize the post-paid forward contract.

11. The security of claim 2, wherein the debt pays a fixed cash coupon, subject to reset.

12. The security of claim 11, wherein the coupon is paid periodically at a time selected from the group including: (a) daily; (b) weekly; (c) monthly; (d) quarterly; (e) semi-annually; and (f) annually.

13. The security of claim 12, wherein the coupon is reset and the debt is remarketed.

14. The security of claim 2, wherein the pre-paid forward contract obligates the second entity to deliver to the first entity a variable number of shares of stock in the first entity depending on a price of the stock at maturity of the pre-paid forward contract.

15. The security of claim 14, wherein the first entity pre-pays the purchase price of the stock and need not pay for the stock at the time of delivery.

16. The security of claim 15, wherein at least a portion of the purchase price of the stock is paid to the second entity at the time of issuance of the pre-paid forward contract with the remaining portion funded through periodic contract payments.

17. The security of claim 16, wherein the contract payments are paid periodically at a time selected from the group including: (a) daily; (b) weekly; (c) monthly; (d) quarterly; (e) semi-annually; and (f) annually.

18. The security of claim 2, wherein, prior to maturity of the pre-paid forward contract, the first entity has the right to fix the number of shares underlying the pre-paid forward contract, based on a formula that is a function of a then-current stock price and a remaining maturity associated with the pre-paid forward contract.

19. The security of claim 2, wherein the post-paid forward contract and the debt are initially pledged as collateral to secure the obligations of the second entity to deliver stock pursuant to the pre-paid forward contract.

20. The security of claim 19, wherein the second entity has the right to recollateralize the pre-paid forward contract with common stock of the first entity.